

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A thermally processed image forming material having a support, which comprises a first side and a second side, wherein:

the first side has an image forming layer and an outermost layer containing a binder and the second side has an outermost layer containing a binder which is different from the binder of the outermost layer on the first side,

the binder contained in the outermost layer on the first side and the binder contained in the outermost layer on the second side have a common monomer of less than 75 wt%, and

the outermost layer on the first side contains a polymer latex in an amount of 50 wt% or more of the total binder contained in the outermost layer on the first side or the outermost layer on the second side contains a polymer latex in an amount of 50 wt% or more of the total binder contained in the outermost layer on the second side,

wherein a ratio of a Vickers hardness of the binder contained in the outermost layer on the first side and a Vickers hardness of the binder contained in the outermost layer on the second side is within a range from 0.1 to 0.95, or within a range from 1.05 to 10.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) The thermally processed image forming material as claimed in claim 1, wherein a ratio of an I/O value of the binder contained in the outermost layer on the first side and an I/O value of the binder contained in the outermost layer on the second side is within a range from 0.1 to 0.90, or within a range from 1.10 to 10.

4. (previously presented) The thermally processed image forming material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the binder contained in the outermost layer on the second side has a softening point of 100°C to 250°C.

5. (previously presented) The thermally processed image forming material as claimed in claim 4, wherein the binder contained in the outermost layer on the second side has a

softening point higher than a glass transition point of said binder by 30°C or more.

6-7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented) The thermally processed image forming material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outermost layer on the first side or on the second side contains a fluorine-containing surfactant.

9. (previously presented) The thermally processed image forming material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outermost layer on the first side or on the second side contains a slipping aid.

10. (previously presented) The thermally processed image forming material as claimed in claim 3, wherein the outermost layer on the first side or on the second side of the support contains a slipping aid.

11. (previously presented) The thermally processed image forming material according to claim 1, wherein the binder of the outermost layer on the first side and the binder contained in the outermost layer on the second side are each independently selected

from one or more of the group consisting of gelatin, polyvinyl acetal, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinyl acetate, cellulose acetate, polyolefin, polyester, polystyrene, polyacrylonitrile, polycarbonate, and polymer latex.

12. (previously presented) The thermally processed image forming material according to claim 11, wherein either the binder of the outermost layer on the first side or the binder contained in the outermost layer on the second side contain polymer latex.

13. (previously presented) The thermally processed image forming material according to claim 12, wherein the polymer latex is selected from the group consisting of methyl methacrylate/ ethyl acrylate/ methacrylic acid copolymer latex, methyl methacrylate/ 2-ethylhexyl acrylate /styrene/ acrylic acid copolymer latex, styrene/ butadiene/ acrylic acid copolymer latex, styrene/ butadiene/ divinylbenzene/ methacrylic acid copolymer latex, methyl methacrylate/ vinyl chloride/ ethyl acrylate/ acrylic acid copolymer latex, and vinylidene chloride/ ethyl acrylate/ acrylonitrile/ methacrylic acid copolymer latex.